

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 3, please replace the 4<sup>th</sup> full paragraph, lines 8-9, with the following rewritten text:

~~Fig. 9 is~~ Figs. 9A and 9B are a cross sectional views view of a sanitary napkin as another embodiment of the first and second aspects of the invention.

On page 13, please replace the 2<sup>nd</sup> full paragraph, lines 16-19, with the following rewritten text:

The standing gathers in the first and second aspects of the invention may have the shapes shown in ~~Fig. 9~~ Figs. 9A and 9B. While the elastic member 45 is preferably a string with a thickness of 0.1 to 0.5 mm, particularly 0.2 to 0.4 mm, elastic members of other forms, such as bands and films, can also be used.

On page 15, please replace the paragraph at lines 4-8, with the following rewritten text:

A sanitary napkin was prepared in the same manner as in Example 1, except that the standing gathers had an inverted L-shaped vertical profile with only an outer extension as an

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elastically extensible portion as shown in ~~the lower drawing of~~  
Fig. 9 9B. The elastically extensible portion was 18 mm wide and  
140 mm long. The elastically extensible portion had the same  
raised pattern as in Example 1.

On page 15, please replace the paragraph at lines 10-13, with  
the following rewritten text:

A commercially available sanitary napkin Laurier Superguard,  
available from Kao Corp., having the following specifications was  
tested as Comparative Example 1. Cross-section: ~~the lower drawing~~  
~~of Fig. 9~~ Fig. 9B (the standing gathers have an inverted L-shaped  
profile).